

REMARKS

The Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection.

Claims 21-41 are pending.

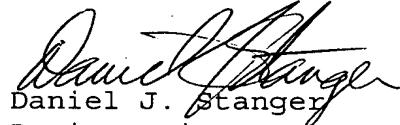
Claim 22 was deemed objectionable, and Claims 22-23 rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, for minor informalities noted on Page 2 of the Office Action. The Applicants have amended these and other claims to correct any informalities noted during the review of the claims. The claims have not been narrowed by these amendments.

Claims 21-23 were rejected judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 13, 5, and 8 of U.S. Patent No. 6,710,972. Without admitting to the propriety of the rejection, the Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to avoid the rejection.

The remaining claims have been deemed allowable by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

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